

1800's at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park

"Buffalo Vic Smith"

August 15, 2008
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

A Sidney, Mont., actor, will portray a hunter from the late 1800's at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park.

Arch Ellwein will portray Buffalo Vic Smith, who was a trapper, dispatch rider, scout, trick shot and buffalo hunter. It is the last occupation for which he was especially well known.

In the winter of 1881-1882, Smith shot 107 bison in an hour by alternating two Sharps rifles as the barrels became too hot to handle and aim. That same winter, Smith reportedly killed 5000 bison in southeastern Montana.

Towards the end of his life, when the bison were nearly extinct, Smith noted that he wished "that my aim hadn't been so good."

The free program will run from 5-6 p.m., Aug. 15, in the classroom at the Visitor's Center at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park near Ulm, south of Great Falls.

Admission to all Montana State Parks for Montana residents is covered with vehicle license plate contributions. Non-residents pay \$2 per adult, \$1 per child 6-12. Children under 6 are free.

For more information contact First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park at 866-2217.

